

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 663  
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Betty M. Allen on her selection as Middle School Counselor of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Betty M. Allen of Humboldt is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Allen has recently been selected as Tennessee's Middle School Counselor of the Year by the Tennessee Counselors Association, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a counselor as it recognizes the positive influence she has provided for so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Betty Allen attended Hickman County High School and received both her bachelor's degree and her master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, Mrs. Allen has served with acumen and alacrity as a counselor at Humboldt Jr. High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Allen began her exemplary career as an educator in 1972 as a teacher with Hickman County Schools. From 1973 to 1983, she served as a teacher, counselor, and special education supervisor with the Bells City School System before accepting a counselor position with Crockett County High School, a position she held until 1987; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Betty Allen works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by her peers, Betty Allen is a Career Level III educator and an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the Humboldt Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, Martha Polk Chapter of the TCA, Tennessee Counseling Association, Tennessee School Counselors Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Allen enjoys the love and companionship of her husband of 28 years, Sidney Allen, and is the mother of two sons: Justin, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and now a Navy pilot, and Blake, a professional baseball player with the Cleveland Indians organization. They are a constant source of pride for Mrs. Allen; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty M. Allen truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike; her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Betty Allen truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Betty M. Allen on being named the Middle School Counselor of the Year, and offer our gratitude for her meritorious service to the students of this state, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.